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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: NIS Free-World Economic Coverage

Before going ahead with the annual budget conferences with the non-USIB agencies producing the subject NIS material under contracts amounting to some [ ] for FY 1964, I wonder if there might be merit in examining the possibility of transferring to ORR all or some of these production responsibilities and funds. I understand ORR has accepted responsibility for producing the economic elements in the free-world General Surveys; the contracts with Agriculture, Interior, and Commerce (excluding Census) are for producing supplemental detailed NIS units.

I do not know the present status of ORR planning in this area, or whether T/O ceilings or other factors might preclude transfer to ORR. Involved would be CIA cancellation of contracts, some of long standing, with non-USIB agencies, although in this instance the basis would be logical extension of ORR's intelligence field. Contracts with HEW, Labor, and Census for detailed sociological material, and with Interior for the NIS Gazetteers, would not be involved. I would want to assure the NIS Committee that ORR would be prepared to produce the selective detailed units which the Committee would consider to be required.

In view of the various considerations involved, I have not further explored or discussed this matter before bringing it to your attention.

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